

bill be read the second and third times, and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Richard, Walls and Weeks—17.

Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long and Osgood—3.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 99:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Gainesville Hotel Company,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Assembly bill No. 103:

To be entitled an act to protect the interest of the Farmers, Planters and others,

Was read, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Senate bill No. 30:

To be entitled an act to create a State Board of Health for the protection of life and health, and to prevent the spread of disease in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

Mr. Lykes moved that the amendments proposed by the Committee be concurred in;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment to Senate bill No. 3:

Mr. Meacham moved to amend in section 2, "that at the organization of said board they shall publish all their proceedings in some newspaper published in the city of Tallahassee," to come in at the end of second section;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Brantley moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Durkee moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, February 9, 1877.

HON. N. A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Senate bill No. 6:

To be entitled an act for the relief of John B. Ross; also,

Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for 1875, and defraying the expenses of the State Government for 1876, with amendments, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Senate bill No. 6 ordered to be enrolled, and Senate bill No. 2, with amendments, placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Walls introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Every true consideration of economy and reform suggests an early adjournment of the present session of the Legislature of Florida; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the presiding officers of the Senate and Assembly be, and hereby are, respectfully directed to adjourn their respective houses on the 21st inst., without day;

Which was read, and, by order of the Senate, referred to the Joint Committee on Adjournment.

Mr. McGuire introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire whether an act entitled an act to establish the office of Harbormaster for the port of Pensacola, approved December 8, 1866, or any part thereof, is in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, or the Constitution of the State of Florida, and report at as early a day as practicable;

Which was read and adopted.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Barnes introduced Senate bill No. 40:

To be entitled an act to provide for a uniform system of establishing and licensing Ferries in this State;

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The following Joint Resolution relative to a mail route was read and adopted:

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows:

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and are hereby requested, to endeavor to establish a semi-weekly mail route from Volusia, on the St. John's river, to Leesburg, in Sumter county, a distance of forty miles, and embracing the following Post-offices in the route, viz: Midway, Hamburg, Fort Mason, Lake Griffin and Yulaha:

That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish a certified copy of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Joint Committee on Retrenchment made a report, which was ordered to be handed to the Recording Clerk.

The consideration of Senate bill No. 30:

To be entitled an act to create a State Board of Health for the protection of life and health, and to prevent the Spread of Disease in the State of Florida, and for other purposes, was resumed.

Upon the question of the indefinite postponement of the bill, The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McCaskill, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walls and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, Osgood, Walker and Wallace—11.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the Governor, at the hands of his Private Secretary.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 8, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment have examined the following bills, and find them correctly enrolled, to-wit:

Assembly bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to facilitate the settlement of Estates of Deceased persons and the better to protect the Assets thereof.

Assembly bill No. 1:

To be entitled an act to amend the 2d, 29th, 35th, 36th, 58th and 68th sections of an act entitled an act relating to Proceedings before Justices' of the Peace and Judgments of Justices' Courts, approved February 27th, 1875.

Assembly bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to amend an act regulating the Practice in writs of Prohibition.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON.

Which was read.

The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

President pro tem. of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 82, entitled an act to exempt members of organized and equipped fire and hook and ladder companies of all incorporated cities in this State from serving as Petit Jurors, and beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and recommend that it be amended as per accompanying paper, and that the bill, as thus amended, do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARNES.

Which was read, and the bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 9, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 64, entitled an act for the Collection of the back Taxes of Suwannee county, and for other purposes, beg

leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and are of the opinion that the bill comes within the class of special or local laws, which the Legislature is prohibited from passing by Section 17, Article 4, of the State Constitution; and they are also of opinion that the present general laws in force are sufficient to meet the purposes of the bill. They, therefore, report the bill back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. BARNES.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill No. 17:

To be entitled an act to keep in good repair the Public Roads and Highways in this State,

Was read.

The first Assembly amendment was adopted.

Mr. Meacham offered the following as an amendment to the amendment proposed by the Assembly:

Strike out all after "such proceeding," in Section 2;

Which was adopted, and the second amendment proposed by the Assembly, as amended, was adopted.

The third Assembly amendment was adopted.

Also the amendment to the title of the bill was adopted.

Senate bill No. 32:

To be entitled an act to exempt dealers in Drugs used exclusively for medical purposes from a License Tax,

Was taken up and read.

Mr. Lykes offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and substitute the bill reported by the special committee as an original bill;

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Senate bill No. 39:

To be entitled an act to amend the fourth and sixteenth sections of an act to provide for the incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to establish a uniform system of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869,

Was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Durkee, postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the rule be suspended, and that Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for 1876, be taken up;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments proposed by the Assembly concurred in.

Mr. Walker moved a reconsideration of the vote;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Orman moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, 11 o'clock;

Which was not agreed to.

The Senate refused to concur in the first and second amendments proposed by the Assembly, but does concur in the third. Ordered that the bill be reported back to the Assembly.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 9, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 93:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the Registration of Electors, approved August 5, 1868; also,

Assembly bill No. 107:

To be entitled an act to provide for the speedy determination of certain issues of law in the several Circuit Courts of this State, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President *pro tem.* in the Chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

Assembly bill No. 64:

To be entitled an act for the collection of the back Taxes of Suwannee county, and for other purposes,

Was read.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Walker moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Assembly bill No. 82:

To be entitled an act to exempt members of organized and equipped fire and hook and ladder companies of all incorporated cities in this State from serving as Petit Jurors

Was read.

Mr. Walls offered the following as an amendment to the amendment proposed by the Judiciary Committee: "Strike out 3000 and insert 1500;"

Which was agreed to, and the committee's amendments as amended were concurred in.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, Osgood, Patterson and Walls—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hendry, Lykes, McMeekin, Orman, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—8.

So the bill, as amended, passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act to authorize William Barnett to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee river at Clay Landing,

Was read the third time,

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, Osgood and Walls—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 93:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to Provide for the Registration of Electors, approved August 5th, 1868,

Was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly Bill No. 107:

To be entitled an act to provide for the speedy determination of certain issues of Law in the several Circuit Courts of the State,

Was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Osgood, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Hendry moved that Senate bill No. 31:

To be entitled an act for the protection of Cattle in this State,

Be taken up, which was agreed to.

Mr. McMeekin offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 1, strike out "required," and insert, "empowered, at their discretion;"

Which was agreed to.

Upon the amendment offered by Mr. Meacham, to strike out "three cents" and insert "two," the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—4.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

Strike out "ten cents," and insert "five cents;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Johnson, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—5.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "goats," "hogs;"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Barnes offered the following amendment:

Insert the words "marked and branded" before the word "sheep" and before the word "goats," wherever they appear;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brantley offered the following amendment:

Strike out "intending to drive or ship" and insert "driving or shipping beef cattle, sheep and goats;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lykes moved that the bill be referred to a special com-

mittee of three, with instructions to report by 10½ o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Lykes, Hendry and Walls were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Walls, the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

G. M. T. Simmons, from office of Clerk, Sumter county.
A. J. Cassady, from office County Judge, Sumter county.
L. W. Dickens, from office of Clerk, Volusia county.
H. E. Osteen, from office of Sheriff, Volusia county.
L. W. Odum, from office of Assessor, Volusia county.
C. B. Buckner, from office of County Judge, Volusia county.
Alonzo Hernandez, from office of Sheriff, St. Johns county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Thomas J. Ivey, to be Clerk, Sumter county.
C. J. Constantine, to be County Judge, Sumter county.
J. W. Dyches, to be Collector, Sumter county.
Joseph Hutchinson, to be Assessor, Sumter county.
Josiah S. Dyches, to be Sheriff, Sumter county.
John W. Brownell, to be Clerk of Circuit Court, Holmes county.
John D. Young, to be Assessor, Alachua county.
Junius C. Gardner, to be County Judge, Alachua county.
Samuel C. Tucker, to be Sheriff, Alachua county.
William A. McLean, to be County Judge, Duval county.
J. W. Dickens, to be Clerk of the Circuit Court, Volusia county.
W. A. Cone, to be Sheriff, Volusia county.
John Anderson, to be Assessor, Volusia county.
Fred. J. LaPenotiere, to be County Judge, Volusia county.
Joseph F. Llambias, to be Collector, St. Johns county.
Adolphus W. Pacetti, to be Sheriff, St. Johns county.

SATURDAY, February 10, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson and Walls—15.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Durkee offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to inquire into the expediency of ratifying by the Legislature of Florida, now in session, the count of the electoral vote of Florida, as made by the Joint Committee, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise;

Which, on motion of Mr. Lykes, was laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 9, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 117:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Railroad Company, and to authorize it to become the Purchaser and Assignee of the property, rights, franchises, privileges and immunities of the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company; and adopted

Joint Resolution relative to United States Lands, reserved for Timber in the State of Florida, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Assembly bill No. 117:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Railroad Company, and to authorize it to become the Purchaser and Assignee of the property, rights, franchises, privileges and im-